

The Monroe County Project Development Board held its regular meeting on August 15, 2007. The meeting was called to order by County Judge/Executive Wilbur Graves with the following members present: Eddie Lovelace, Jeff Proffitt, Reed Moore, Charlotte McPherson, Tony High, Steve Hurt, and Joyce Emberton. Also present were Garlan VanHook and Danny Rhoades.

Architectural firm presentations started at 5:00 PM with the following firms:

1. DLZ
2. Brandstetter Carroll
3. Louis & Henry
4. CMW
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Financial Advisor presentations immediately followed the architectural firms with the following:

1. Ross Sinclair
2. CD Bowling
3. KACO

Motion was made by Tony High, seconded by Judge Hurt to approve the minutes of the last special meeting on July 18, 2007.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old business - Helena Pitcock, on behalf of her mother, Ida McCreary and other property owners, submitted a price proposal. The location is the block where the old post office is located. She said all property owner are willing to sell.

The merits and projects of each architectural firm were discussed in greater detail by the board members. Motion was made by Tony High, seconded by Reed Moore to narrow the list down to DLZ & Louis & Henry and take a vote. The voting was as follows:

Voting for DLZ – Judge Lovelace, Judge Hurt, Charlotte McPherson, Joyce Emberton, Wilbur Graves, and Jeff Proffitt.

Voting for Louis & Henry – Tony High.

Abstaining – Reed Moore.

Motion carried to hire DLZ as architectural firm.

Financial advisors were discussed. Motion was made by Tony High, seconded by Reed Moore to eliminate CD Bowling and to table further action to allow Tony High to send a questionnaire to Ross Sinclair & KACO concerning the relative merits of a bond issue versus a borrowing, then to report and make a decision at the next meeting.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Other business

Bond Counsel discussion followed.

Motion was made by Tony High, seconded by Judge Hurt recommended if bond counsel is required, go with Reed & Johnson.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Construction Managers and General Managers were discussed. It was decided that the board may interview, but do not have to hire.

Motion was made by Judge Lovelace, seconded by Tony High to defer hiring a construction manager at this time.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled on September 12, 2007.

Motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Jeff Profitt to adjourn.

All voted yea. Motion carried.